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How many ways can I say "send questions to Jess"?

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So now the question comes do we stop issuing I-751 receipt notices since they provide interim extension of evidence of LPR status that can be used for employment and travel. I have said no unless I hear otherwise.

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I just sent this to the centers.

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Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumani, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)
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Center Directors and Deputies,

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

While we await further guidance, we must temporarily suspend adjudication of all applications, petitions or requests involving citizens or nationals of the listed countries. At this point there are no exceptions for any form types, to include I-90s or I-765s. Please physically segregate any files that are impacted by this temporary hold pending further guidance. As you would expect, we will be developing a weekly report format for you to identify the number and types of cases on hold.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

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To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Yes of course.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:34:17 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

Daniel M Renaud
Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate
Department of Homeland Security | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but (b) (5)

(b) (5)

From: Davidson, Andrew J

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM

To: Renaud, Tracy L

Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L

Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

Andrew Davidson

Acting Deputy Associate Director

Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20529

(b) (6)

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Yes, we have paused all adjudications involving the 7 countries of origin without exception. We will continue to issue receipt notices for everything.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:19:54 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I'm not saying that you shouldn't put them on a temp hold like you are other categories of adjudication, I'm saying we shouldn't jump to suppressing notices or changing language. If you've given the order to pause adjudication leave it as is until we get some clarity.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6) (desk)

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:11:45 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Ok. I just don't get the difference between that and I-90s. But clarity is better than understanding at this point.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:07:07 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

No, not yet. Giving them the document that extends their status (to include travel) doesn't necessarily mean they will travel so we shouldn't withhold that document from people who need it as proof of status. If we confirm that travel while a Conditional Resident might pose a problem we can tweak the notice language in similar fashion to what we do for those who get advance parole and might be subject to the 3/10-year bar when they attempt reentry. And clearly we will be doing as much communication as possible once we understand the facts.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6) (desk)

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03:25 PM

To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Ok. Sorry I thought I had included her. Just to be clear though we are not providing that instruction now, right?

From: Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:02:26 PM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I forwarded this to Jess to add to the list of questions.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6) (desk)

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:57 PM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

So now the question comes do we stop issuing I-751 receipt notices since they provide interim extension of evidence of LPR status that can be used for employment and travel. I have said no unless I hear otherwise.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:37:07 AM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I just sent this to the centers.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Baran, Kathy A; Campagnolo, Donna P; Crandall, Kristine R; Hazuda, Mark J; McCament, James W; Nolan, Connie L; Richardson, Gregory A; Selby, Cara M (Carrie); Thompson, Kirt; Velarde, Barbara Q; Zuchowski, Laura B; Tamanaha, Emisa T

Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumani, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)

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We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

Thanks,

Don

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Busch, Philip B
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there. For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381
Iran, 35,266
Libya, 3,879
Yemen, 5,549
Sudan, 4,792
Syria, 16,018
Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

Phil

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks Don. We will add it.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6) 'desk)

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the I-485 question.

From: Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM

To: Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All-

The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

Tracy L. Renaud

Acting Deputy Director

US Citizenship & Immigration Services

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Groom, Molly M

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Phillip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

From: Scialabba, Lori L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM

To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

From: Busch, Philip B

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM

To: Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

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I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM
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Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:35:15 PM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6) (desk)

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Moliy and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

These seem to be issue that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:02 PM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Mura, Elizabeth E; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Kirkland, Brooke A; Roberts, Rhonda J; Pilotti, David A; Potts Hansen, Stephanie N; Tanner, Rebecca S
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Field leadership,

Just wanted to give you a heads-up on instructions you may need to begin implementing on Monday. In light of the language in Friday's Executive Order, we may need to put a hold on decision-making for asylum cases from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. We may also be asked to postpone any scheduled interviews.

On Monday morning, you should plan on preventing any decision document from being issued in person or by mail to a national of any of the above countries unless or until you are instructed otherwise.

You should also review your list of upcoming interviews and be preparing to cancel any scheduled interviews for persons from one of the listed countries. DO NOT cancel any interviews, however, until you receive instructions from HQ on how to proceed. Hopefully, we will have more guidance on the interviews by Monday morning.

Please let Ted and I know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

John

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:06:38 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

A literal reading of the EO and cited INA sections would not indicate that this processing suspension applies to the processing of asylum applications, but I understand why it might be wise to cancel interviews and place on hold cases from the relevant countries while we await additional guidance. Unless you want us to hold off, I will issue such guidance by e-mail today.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:46:47 AM
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

FYI.

I think we also need guidance on how this applies to asylum. May want to cancel interviews and place in hold asylum applicants from these countries.

I am hoping we can work with the front office to get a memo to all USCIS staff to be issued Monday

Joanna

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumanl, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)
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Don

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Gadson, Irvin C
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Hemming, Bryan D
Cc: Daum, Robert L; #ZHN-MGT
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

All,

Please see the instructions received pursuant to the recent executive order.

Effective immediately, please make sure we don't issue any decision document in person or via mail for applicants from the affected countries. Please note this may affect interviews as well. Further guidance should be forthcoming.

Irvin

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:01:47 PM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Mura, Elizabeth E; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Kirkland, Brooke A; Roberts, Rhonda J; Pilotti, David A; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N; Tanner, Rebecca S
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Field leadership,

Just wanted to give you a heads-up on instructions you may need to begin implementing on Monday. In light of the language in Friday's Executive Order, we may need to put a hold on decision-making for asylum cases from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. We may also be asked to postpone any scheduled interviews.

On Monday morning, you should plan on preventing any decision document from being issued in person or by mail to a national of any of the above countries unless or until you are instructed otherwise.

You should also review your list of upcoming interviews and be preparing to cancel any scheduled interviews for persons from one of the listed countries. DO NOT cancel any interviews, however, until you receive instructions from HQ on how to proceed. Hopefully, we will have more guidance on the interviews by Monday morning.

Please let Ted and I know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

John

From: Lafferty, John L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:06:38 PM

To: Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

A literal reading of the EO and cited INA sections would not indicate that this processing suspension applies to the processing of asylum applications, but I understand why it might be wise to cancel interviews and place on hold cases from the relevant countries while we await additional guidance. Unless you want us to hold off, I will issue such guidance by e-mail today.

From: Ruppel, Joanna

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:46:47 AM

To: Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M

Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

FYI.

I think we also need guidance on how this applies to asylum. May want to cancel interviews and place in hold asylum applicants from these countries.

I am hoping we can work with the front office to get a memo to all USCIS staff to be issued Monday.

Joanna

Joanna Ruppel

Chief, International Operations Division

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:37:07 AM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I just sent this to the centers.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Baran, Kathy A; Campagnolo, Donna P; Crandall, Kristine R; Hazuda, Mark J; McCament, James W; Nolan, Connie L; Richardson, Gregory A; Selby, Cara M (Carrie); Thompson, Kirt; Velarde, Barbara Q; Zuchowski, Laura B; Tamanaha,

Emisa T

Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumani, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)

Subject: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Center Directors and Deputies,

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

While we await further guidance, we must temporarily suspend adjudication of all applications, petitions or requests involving citizens or nationals of the listed countries. At this point there are no exceptions for any form types, to include I-90s or I-765s. Please physically segregate any files that are impacted by this temporary hold pending further guidance. As you would expect, we will be developing a weekly report format for you to identify the number and types of cases on hold.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

Thanks,

Don

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:18 PM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Well the first answer to the CBP question is now wrong. They are letting LPRs board planes.

I'm going to draft answers to the questions and ask you to circulate them.

Lori

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:06:15 PM
To: Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

We have been asked by DHS to draft and clear within USCIS responses to the questions we sent up earlier.

Also, FYI, attached is what CBP submitted back to DHS OPA. We will be adding to that document so the questions should similarly be framed as media inquiries and I have taken a stab at that below.

DHS has asked for our responses as soon as possible tonight. Please send to me and I will forward them along.

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Carter
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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1. Does the Executive Order apply to I-485 applications to adjust to LPR status here in the U.S.?
2. Does this impact USCIS ability to adjust visas of those eligible to adjust in the U.S., such as a family based petition or an employment based petition?

3. Can USCIS continue refugee interviews of religious minorities and for countries with which we have an agreement?
 4. Will the U.S. accept emergency requests to process a refugee who will then travel?
 5. Can the exception for refugee admission be used in I-730 cases?
 6. Does "from one of the seven countries" mean citizen, national or born in?
 7. Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?
- USCIS will continue to adjudicate N-400 applications for naturalization and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible.

From: Valverde, Michael

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:38 PM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

We are doing the same. Our folks should talk, probably. Shelley Goodwin is our point. Who is yours?

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:33:11 PM

To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

From: Busch, Philip B

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:33:44 PM

To: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there. For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381

Iran, 35,266

Libya, 3,879

Yemen, 5,549

Sudan, 4,792

Syria, 16,018

Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

Phil

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks Don. We will add it.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the I-485 question.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM
To: Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All-

The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Groom, Molly M

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

From: Scialabba, Lori L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM

To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

From: Busch, Philip B

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM

To: Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

From: Renaud, Daniel M

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM

To: Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

From: Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:35:15 PM

To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications
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From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:13 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see

which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

These seem to be issue that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:58:01 AM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I simply do not have answers to these questions, so my input would be of no value.

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:54 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

DHS OPA has request a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Carter

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:21 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael, Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
Office of Policy & Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:08:36 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
Office of Policy & Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:08 PM
To: Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M;

Walters, Jessica S

Subject: RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

From: Walters, Jessica S

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM

To: Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S

Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks very much.

Jessica S. Walters

Senior Advisor

Office of the USCIS Deputy Director

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Renaud, Daniel M

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:16 AM

To: Walters, Jessica S

Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D, Groom, Molly M

Subject: FW: Executive Order

FOD will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

Daniel M. Renaud

Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Slattery, Shannon E

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM

To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E

Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div 1.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

Shannon E. Slattery
Field Operations Directorate | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Valverde, Michael
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming

Michael Valverde
DHS USCIS
Field Operations Directorate, Deputy Associate Director
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From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:15 AM
To: Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E
Subject: FW: Executive Order
To start and just on this part of the EO:

1. Are the following forms impacted: N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, ...?
2. Should we deschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the ??
3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?
4. Should we stop RFEs?
5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate
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Department of Homeland Security

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:21:12 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kluska, Jennifer R; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Everyone should be compiling a list of all of their questions and getting them to Jess so Lori and I have a complete list. If there are URGENT questions that we need answers to before Monday go ahead and flag those for us but I'm not sure the Department is going to get to us immediately, they are likely dealing with issues at the POEs which have a bit more urgency. I did send the question of whether this impact naturalization or not to the Department in an attempt to get an answer this weekend only because we have oath

ceremonies scheduled for Monday.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kliska, Jennifer R
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I would also like to flag I-730s. While adjudication does not give status to those outside the US, it does for those inside. Also, since part of the directive is to reviewing to enhance information we collect and screening, we likely will be proposing changes to the I-730 process, to include revisions to the form and the I-730A, which would be completed by the beneficiary. We have mock ups and can move quickly, but need to think first about those in pipeline. Maura has giving directive to staff outside US to cancel pick up document pickups for 730s for next week.

We are working on further guidance and of course will coordinate with SCOP.

State has also issued guidance. Will forward.

Joanna

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:34:17 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chain. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

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Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
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I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

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If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate
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Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but (b) (5)
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From: Davidson, Andrew J
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L
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Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. (b) (5)

We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

Andrew Davidson
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Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate
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Acting Deputy Director

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The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4.00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

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Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

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I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

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I think that's the case with all benefits within the country, isn't it? The EO says examine benefit processes but the only thing it cuts off is entry into the United States from abroad, as I read it. Is that others' understanding? So if we mention natz, which I am certainly not suggesting we shouldn't, then we probably should expand the item to cover other benefits within the US. Thanks, Phil

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I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

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Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

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+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

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Jeff

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I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

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These seem to be issue that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
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-- we do adjudicate Ts and Us and extensions of status so want to walk a line and with uncertainty about reach of order think something along these lines may be better.

3-Should we just be a little more vague and say. For example if we have few religious minorities on circuit ride with other things.

DHS along with DOS continues to review the Executive Order and planned refugee circuit rides and will conduct interviews as appropriate and consistent with the Executive Order.

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They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

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DHS OPA has request a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

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Jeff

Gillispie, Anna E

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I did misunderstand. We will push the legal discussion as far as we can to get answers to inform your policy discussion which may be useful to some points more than others. Still all are consumed with real live situations at ports and in courts. So answers slow.

2-USCIS does adjudicate certain visas --but not adjudicating doesn't suspend entry like 212(f) suggests.

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Thanks Molly. I should have been a little clearer on the intent of this. Its just to get the conversation started with DHS. This is for policy discussion, It's not for public consumption. I think much of what youa re suggestion is perfect for public statements. I put the explanations in so DHS knows why we are taking the position we are for each question.

2. I think if we use the word visa we're going to not be allowed to continue to adjudicate them. We don't do visas. Do we?
3. I'd really like to get the go ahead to continue doing as much as possible in the refugee arena. I like your statement for public consumption.
4. I like this for a statement for OCOM to use.
5. I'm assuming we can adjudicate asylum requests but we should get clarification.

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Now we are aware of at least two TROs, so I am not sure how quickly we will get anything cleared or agreement on what the impact is. But that said I offer the following comments for consideration.

I don't think we should try to explain the intent of the EOs in trying to explain the answer to 1. I'd prefer it to say: No, the EO does not prevent the adjudication of domestic 485 adjudications. But I don't think we have clarity if it does or does not. 212(f) speaks to suspension on entry but I understand the language in the order is broader so I am not clear what the DHS or USG position will be.

2. USCIS will continue to adjudicate any visa or other application, request or benefit not impacted by the Executive Order.

-- we do adjudicate Ts and Us and extensions of status so want to walk a line and with uncertainty about reach of order think something along these lines may be better.

3-Should we just be a little more vague and say. For example if we have few religious minorities on circuit ride with other things.

DHS along with DOS continues to review the Executive Order and planned refugee circuit rides and will conduct interviews as appropriate and consistent with the Executive Order.

4-DHS and DOS will coordinate on processing individual refugee cases that may be appropriate for travel consistent with the Executive Order.

5- I'm wondering about whether the exception can be used for following to join asylees? Need to double check.

6-- OGC had advised yesterday that CBP was to follow the VWP dual national guidance. But we should confirm or ask that they provide the answer.

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Here we go. I've added Todd and Jessica for clean up once I have reactions because these answers could go any number of ways. I'm just getting a sense of our answer here. It's not pretty or diplomatic.

1. The EOs are to protect the NS and safety of the U S. From persons entering our country from the designated countries and does not apply to people in the U.S. Applying for adjustment of status. (OCC check me on this.). I know the EO uses language like all immigration benefits but the details address visa issuance to NIVs and IVs. Maybe the intent is to include adjustment but as long as this answer isn't completely ridiculous I'd like to start here.

2. USCIS will continue to adjudicate various petitions and applications. Visas are not issued by USCIS

3. Yes, in light of the language in the EO we will continue these refugee interviews.

4. This will be done on a case by case basis. (We will need some standards for this)

5. This will be done on a case by case basis. (Ditto on standards and procedures)

6. Yes.

Let's hear what everyone has to say.

Lori

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We have been asked by DHS to draft and clear within USCIS responses to the questions we sent up earlier.

Also, FYI, attached is what CBP submitted back to DHS OPA. We will be adding to that document so the questions should similarly be framed as media inquiries and I have taken a stab at that below.

DHS has asked for our responses as soon as possible tonight. Please send to me and I will forward them along.

Thanks,

Jeff

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2. Does this impact USCIS ability to adjust visas of those eligible to adjust in the U.S., such as a family based petition or an employment based petition?
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Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

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Iran, 35,266

Libya, 3,879

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Yes. We've got just about everything on hold (meaning no final decisions) from the countries until we give further guidance.

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Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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Trying to get best information.

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Subject: FW: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation

Everyone,

As of the moment, the instructions I sent out yesterday stay in place until we get further instruction from agency/department leadership. As you can see from the below chain, Joanna has notified leadership of our present instructions and is seeking further guidance.

Given what is happening at the airports, I understand that some additional guidance is needed on CF/RF processing. CF/RF screenings should continue for anyone who is placed into ER and is referred to us after making a fear claim, or anyone subject to reinstatement or admin removal order who is referred to us after making a fear claim. We confer no benefit in the screening process, so our work in these areas should continue unless/until we are instructed otherwise.

Please feel free to continue to submit any questions that you may have.

John

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:42:27 PM
To: Walters, Jessica S

Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Nicholson, Maura J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L

Subject: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation

Jessica,

Attached please find a preliminary list of implementation issues for RAIO. These are ones that are most time sensitive, in that we need to get guidance out to the field as soon as possible – by Sunday evening, if possible.

This does not include the most urgent issue regarding the list of individuals State is requesting to exempt so they can travel, which is being worked separately.

Let me know if you have questions. Also including content in the message in case that is helpful for those on phones.

Thanks,

Joanna

RAIO Time Sensitive Questions on the Executive Order

Refugee Processing – what can continue?

For reference - current circuit rides:

1. Cape Town, South Africa (total number of cases is 166) – deployed through February 3:
 - a. 92% nationality is Somali – Claims are mostly based on religious beliefs (different interpretations of Islam than Al Shabaab)
 - b. 8% nationality is Democratic Republic of Congo Claims are nationality claims based on tribe.
2. Indonesia (total number of cases is 130) deployed through February 10:
 - a. 95% nationality is Burmese religious minority Rohingya population
 - b. 5% nationality is Afghan No claim info available
3. Vienna (RAD CR – one officer is currently onsite processing cases) – deployed through February 24:
 - a. 100% from Iran – claims are religious persecution as either Assyrian/Armenian Christians or Bahai
 - b. Note that these cases must obtain special visas to enter Austria and can only remain in Vienna for a very limited amount of time.

Urgent time-sensitive questions (need answers by Sunday evening, if possible):

1. Can the officer in Vienna resume interview on Monday? In light of the "notwithstanding" language at Sec. 5(e), we propose that he continue w/interviews as planned.

In particular, that section says that the USRAP can use discretion to admit refugees during the 120-day suspension "when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a preexisting international agreement..." We have such an agreement w/Austria. What we are proposing is not actually ADMISSIONS, however, but continuing w/RAD interviews, which seems in keeping with the intent and spirit of this provision. Since these applicants are Iranian religious minorities, we believe that their future admission would need to be assessed under the 90-day rule in Sec. 3.

2. Can we continue interviewing in Indonesia? We recommend that we continue, at least for the Rohingya population. PRM's guidance to RSC's is to continue processing around the world and just to

cancel travel for the affected population, and we are working with them on determining best course of action for this caseload.

3. Should we continue interviews in South Africa? We think it would not be the best use of resources to continue to interview this population and intend to move forward to curtail those interviews. We are consulting with PRM.
4. Should we continue interviews in Moscow? We have Lautenberg interviews scheduled in Moscow all week. This includes P1s and Lautenberg (largely Ukrainian religious minorities traveling in from the Ukraine for their interviews). Some of the P-1s travel in from remote areas. Our proposed plan:

Where someone may already be in transit, we intend to continue with the interview if the individual was a Lautenberg or other religious minority, even though we are all still awaiting guidance on how the religious minority exception may be defined. For those other P1s, we intend to collect prints and inform them of the suspension, but not conduct an interview. We don't want to continue interviewing if we may have to do reinterviews later based on a new or amended approach to processing.

5. We believe we have P-1s also scheduled in New Delhi. Would follow same approach as above.

Less Urgent:

6. Should we resume planning scheduling CR for Nauru (originally planned for Feb. 5-6, but suspended). We believe this falls under the "preexisting international agreement" provision is the USG agreement w/Australia concerning Nauru. State believes that having visible evidence of progress is important to both the Australian gov't and to the refugees, whose hopelessness has led to violence, self-harm, non-compliance, etc.

Asylum Processing:

1. Does the suspension apply to processing affirmative asylum applications filed by individuals from the countries on the list?
 - We have notified field leadership that they should arrange to stop any decision-issuance to asylum applicants from the listed countries until they are instructed otherwise.
 - We have told them to review their upcoming schedules and prepare to cancel any interviews for nationals from the listed countries. They were told not to actually begin cancelling the interviews until they received further guidance from HQ.

Refugee Travel Documents:

Should USCIS continue to issue refugee travel documents (domestically and abroad) to those not on the list? O currently has a number of pending requests for refugee documents and the vast majority are Iraqi and the individuals are currently in Iraq. Will issue guidance to suspend processing those on the list, but what about the others?

TRIG:

Should we tell staff to hold off on approving cases for existing TRIG exemptions while all exemptions are being reviewed for possible rescission?

I-730's Processed Abroad:

1. Can USCIS continue to process following-to-join (I-730) applications for asylee family members from countries not on the list (e.g., China)? State's guidance to consular officers is to continue processing those. We have not issued any yet.
2. If we issued a travel document to a refugee FTJ or an asylee FTJ from one of the 7 countries before the 1.27/17 E.O. and the beneficiary hasn't traveled yet, should we try to get the travel document or packet back?

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Scheduler, Scialabba, Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Hoefer, Michael D; Kerns, Kevin J
Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) DHS CAT Activation Notification and Senior Leader Brief Support for EO Response (Updated)

We are working on it Don. We got the okay on N400, N600 and boarding letters so far. Will keep you posted. FYI, any internal messaging needs to be cleared by DHS.

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Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 2:11:35 PM
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Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) DHS CAT Activation Notification and Senior Leader Brief Support for EO Response (Updated)

Is it reasonable to think we may be able to lift the hold on all adjudications soon? I'm thinking we can use tomorrow to craft a message identifying what, if anything will continue to be held or require additional oversight. If adjustments can continue it would seem like everything else should as well, with the possible exception of advance parole.

On the other hand, if we know now that nothing needs to be held it would be good to lift the hold right away to avoid wasted effort in identifying cases to hold, ensuring compliance and answering questions first thing in the morning.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:28:01 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W
Cc: Scheduler, Scialabba; Walters, Jessica S; Young, Todd P; Hoefer, Michael D; Kerns, Kevin J
Subject: FW: (U//FOUO) DHS CAT Activation Notification and Senior Leader Brief Support for EO Response (Updated)

Joanna, Dan and Don -

Flagging for you that it appears we are going to have some routine reporting requirements on refugee, natz and adjustment. Let's be thinking about how we best accomplish that and establish a reporting rhythm. Adding Mike in case we need/want OPQ assistance.

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 6:28 AM
To: Slattery, Shannon E; Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Busch, Philip B; Kleczek, Marguerite P (Ania)
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Elder, Phillip D
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Plus Phil, Ania and Philip

From: Slattery, Shannon E
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:24:08 PM
To: Levine, Laurence D; Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E
Subject: RE: Executive Order

+ Lisette Kvortek and Julie Farnam

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Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

All – I asked the regs team to give us an idea of the tie frames for doing and re-doing forms as well as regs:

For forms, if, for instance, we have to add new vetting questions, OMB approval can be accomplished relatively quickly as an emergency action (compared to the normal process).

Steps and qualifications for emergency OMB approval:

- 1) OP&S division, operational directorates, OCC, and RCD collaborate on the amended form and/or instructions.
- 2) RCD prepares the relevant PRA supporting documents (Supporting Statement, etc.) working with ODP and Office of Privacy
- 3) Draft a memo justifying the emergent need (e.g., the EO), signed by USCIS CIO and DHS CIO.
- 4) RCD submits the package to OMB. OMB approval under emergency will only be valid for 6 months. To extend the validity of the OMB approval beyond 6 months, RCD would need to publish the 60- and 30-day Notices as normal and then resubmit the package to OMB.

As a side note, the interior enforcement EO took away the Privacy Act protections that the USG had extended to non-citizens (by policy I believe). This change may significantly impact how the Privacy Act is interpreted w/r/t USCIS forms and systems, and may or may not cause changes to our Privacy Threshold Analyses which support the PRA process. We need to get a legal opinion on whether our PTAs, etc. will change because of this, and if we can update the relevant PRA

supporting documents as they come up in the queue (i.e. as RCD starts work upon expiration) or if this needs to be implemented immediately (which would be a significant workload).

For regs, the time it took to get the EA rules out from the Nov. 20, 2014 memo are good barometers of the average timeline when there is WH support and it's moving as an emergency action:

- Average of 12-16 months for drafting and publishing an NPRM (but note that there was already some work done on EA before the 11/2014 announcement)
- Average of 6-8 months to review public comments, draft final rule, and publish the final rule.

Caveats. 1) The above assumes a relatively hands-off approach of OGC staff-level attorneys and economists prior to moving to OGC FO, S1 FO, and OMB. Also assumes that the timelines for S1 FO review will be similarly expedited (i.e. a matter of hours wherein the Assistant General Counsel briefs S1 and obtains signature) 2) The "effective date" will largely depend on the speed that our computer systems can be stood up. 3) Also, of course, depends on the number and complexity of public comments received and the continued availability of monetary resources to fund contractor support of our regulatory projects (comment analysis).

From: Levine, Laurence D

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:42 AM

To: Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S

Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S

Subject: RE: Executive Order

Ok - thanks

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Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:40:01 AM

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Subject: RE: Executive Order

As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

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Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:24:57 AM

To: Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
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Subject: RE: Executive Order

Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

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Subject: RE: Executive Order

Trying to get best information.

From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:20:37 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

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Subject: RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

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Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

From: Walters, Jessica S
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks very much.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:16 AM
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Subject: FW: Executive Order

FOD will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well.

as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans.

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From: Slattery, Shannon E
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM
To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E
Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div 1.

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

Shannon E. Slattery
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To: Renaud, Daniel M; Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming

Michael Valverde
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Field Operations Directorate, Deputy Associate Director
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To: Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E

Subject: FW: Executive Order
To start and just on this part of the EO:

1. Are the following forms impacted: N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, ...?
2. Should we deschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the 7?
3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?
4. Should we stop RFEs?
5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?

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From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:21:12 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kliska, Jennifer R; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Everyone should be compiling a list of all of their questions and getting them to Jess so Lori and I have a complete list. If there are URGENT questions that we need answers to before Monday go ahead and flag those for us but I'm not sure the Department is going to get to us immediately, they are likely dealing with issues at the POEs which have a bit more urgency. I did send the question of whether this impact naturalization or not to the Department in an attempt to get an answer this weekend only because we have oath ceremonies scheduled for Monday.

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Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kliska, Jennifer R
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I would also like to flag I-730s. While adjudication does not give status to those outside the US, it does for those inside. Also, since part of the directive is to reviewing to enhance information we collect and screening, we likely will be proposing changes to the I-730 process, to include revisions to the form and the I-730A, which would be completed by the beneficiary. We have mock ups and can move quickly, but need to think first about those in pipeline. Maura has giving directive to staff outside US to cancel pick up document pickups for 730s for next week.

We are working on further guidance and of course will coordinate with SCOP.

State has also issued guidance. Will forward.

Joanna

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From: Neufeld, Donald W
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To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
O K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt/Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
I think that's o k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:47 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

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From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but (b) (5)
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From: Davidson, Andrew J
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

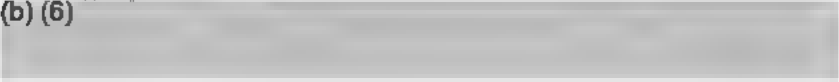
It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4:30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person. (b) (5)

We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

Andrew Davidson

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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:02 AM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Mura, Elizabeth E; Roberts, Rhonda J; Kirkland, Brooke A; Pilotti, David A; Tanner, Rebecca S; Potts Hansen, Stephanie N
Subject: RE: Follow-up questions needing response ASAP

Everyone,

As of this moment, yesterday's guidance remains in place:

- hold issuance of asylum decisions to nationals to the seven countries covered by the EO (hope to get this resolved today);
- proceed with scheduled interviews for nationals from the seven countries;
- proceed with all CF/RF processing, including for nationals from the seven countries.

One new instruction: if you are referred any individual for CF/RF processing who was denied admission as a result of the EO, please notify Beth Mura and Brooke Kirkland. Proceed with processing of the referral unless instructed otherwise.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

John

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:56:41 PM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Mura, Elizabeth E; Roberts, Rhonda J; Kirkland, Brooke A; Pilotti, David A; Tanner, Rebecca S; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N
Subject: RE: Follow-up questions needing response ASAP

Everyone,

I understand that many of you do not have access to your CF mailboxes where you receive referrals from ICE. If you have a way to easily get access to the mailbox, please do so and let us know whether you received something. If it needs to wait until you get into the office tomorrow morning, that will be OK. I would ask that each office get back to us no later than tomorrow morning on these 2 questions.

Thanks!

John

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:09:53 PM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers

Cc: Kim, Ted H; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Mura, Elizabeth E; Roberts, Rhonda J; Kirkland, Brooke A; Pilotti, David A; Tanner, Rebecca S; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N

Subject: Follow-up questions needing response ASAP

Everyone,

I need answer to 2 questions:

1. Have you or someone from you office been contacted by any attorneys representing people who have arrived or are expected to arrive at airports in the coming days who are requesting CF interviews for their clients?
2. Has your office received any CF referral documents from ICE or CBP related to people stopped from entry in the aftermath of Friday's EO?

Thanks!!

From: Lafferty, John L

Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:10:54 PM

To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers

Cc: Kim, Ted H; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Mura, Elizabeth E; Roberts, Rhonda J; Kirkland, Brooke A; Pilotti, David A; Tanner, Rebecca S; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N

Subject: FW: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation

Everyone,

As of the moment, the instructions I sent out yesterday stay in place until we get further instruction from agency/department leadership. As you can see from the below chain, Joanna has notified leadership of our present instructions and is seeking further guidance.

Given what is happening at the airports, I understand that some additional guidance is needed on CF/RF processing. CF/RF screenings should continue for anyone who is placed into ER and is referred to us after making a fear claim, or anyone subject to reinstatement or admin removal order who is referred to us after making a fear claim. We confer no benefit in the screening process, so our work in these areas should continue unless/until we are instructed otherwise.

Please feel free to continue to submit any questions that you may have.

John

From: Ruppel, Joanna

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:42:27 PM

To: Walters, Jessica S

Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Nicholson, Maura J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L

Subject: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation

Jessica,

Attached please find a preliminary list of implementation issues for RAIO. These are ones that are most time sensitive, in that we need to get guidance out to the field as soon as possible – by Sunday evening, if possible.

This does not include the most urgent issue regarding the list of individuals State is requesting to exempt so they can travel, which is being worked separately.

Let me know if you have questions. Also including content in the message in case that is helpful for those on phones.

Thanks,

Joanna

RAIO Time Sensitive Questions on the Executive Order

Refugee Processing – what can continue?

For reference - current circuit rides:

1. Cape Town, South Africa (total number of cases is 166) deployed through February 3:
 - a. 92% nationality is Somali Claims are mostly based on religious beliefs (different interpretations of Islam than Al Shabaab)
 - b. 8% nationality is Democratic Republic of Congo – Claims are nationality claims based on tribe.
2. Indonesia (total number of cases is 130) – deployed through February 10:
 - a. 95% nationality is Burmese – religious minority Rohingya population
 - b. 5% nationality is Afghan – No claim info available
3. Vienna (RAD CR one officer is currently onsite processing cases) deployed through February 24:
 - a. 100% from Iran claims are religious persecution as either Assyrian/Armenian Christians or Bahai
 - b. Note that these cases must obtain special visas to enter Austria and can only remain in Vienna for a very limited amount of time.

Urgent time-sensitive questions (need answers by Sunday evening, if possible):

1. Can the officer in Vienna resume interview on Monday? In light of the "notwithstanding" language at Sec. 5(e), we propose that he continue w/interviews as planned.

In particular, that section says that the USRAP can use discretion to admit refugees during the 120-day suspension "when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a preexisting international agreement..." We have such an agreement w/Austria. What we are proposing is not actually ADMISSIONS, however, but continuing w/RAD interviews, which seems in keeping with the intent and spirit of this provision. Since these applicants are Iranian religious minorities, we believe that their future admission would need to be assessed under the 90-day rule in Sec. 3.

2. Can we continue interviewing in Indonesia? We recommend that we continue, at least for the Rohingya population. PRM's guidance to RSC's is to continue processing around the world and just to cancel travel for the affected population, and we are working with them on determining best course of action for this caseload.
3. Should we continue interviews in South Africa? We think it would not be the best use of resources to continue to interview this population and intend to move forward to curtail those interviews. We are consulting with PRM.

4. Should we continue interviews in Moscow? We have Lautenberg interviews scheduled in Moscow all week. This includes P1s and Lautenberg (largely Ukrainian religious minorities traveling in from the Ukraine for their interviews). Some of the P-1s travel in from remote areas. Our proposed plan:

Where someone may already be in transit, we intend to continue with the interview if the individual was a Lautenberg or other religious minority, even though we are all still awaiting guidance on how the religious minority exception may be defined. For those other P1s, we intend to collect prints and inform them of the suspension, but not conduct an interview. We don't want to continue interviewing if we may have to do reinterviews later based on a new or amended approach to processing.

5. We believe we have P-1s also scheduled in New Delhi. Would follow same approach as above.

Less Urgent:

6. Should we resume planning scheduling CR for Nauru (originally planned for Feb. 5-6, but suspended). We believe this falls under the "preexisting international agreement" provision is the USG agreement w/Australia concerning Nauru. State believes that having visible evidence of progress is important to both the Australian gov't and to the refugees, whose hopelessness has led to violence, self-harm, non-compliance, etc.

Asylum Processing:

1. Does the suspension apply to processing affirmative asylum applications filed by individuals from the countries on the list?
 - We have notified field leadership that they should arrange to stop any decision-issuance to asylum applicants from the listed countries until they are instructed otherwise.
 - We have told them to review their upcoming schedules and prepare to cancel any interviews for nationals from the listed countries. They were told not to actually begin cancelling the interviews until they received further guidance from HQ.

Refugee Travel Documents:

Should USCIS continue to issue refugee travel documents (domestically and abroad) to those not on the list? .O currently has a number of pending requests for refugee documents and the vast majority are Iraqi and the individuals are currently in Iraq. Will issue guidance to suspend processing those on the list, but what about the others?

TRIG:

Should we tell staff to hold off on approving cases for existing TRIG exemptions while all exemptions are being reviewed for possible rescission?

I-730's Processed Abroad:

1. Can USCIS continue to process following-to-join (I-730) applications for asylee family members from countries not on the list (e.g., China)? State's guidance to consular officers is to continue processing those. We have not issued any yet.

2. If we issued a travel document to a refugee FTJ or an asylee FTJ from one of the 7 countries before the 1/27/17 E.O. and the beneficiary hasn't traveled yet, should we try to get the travel document or packet back?

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M; Farnam, Julie E; Swanson, Toni; Young, Todd P; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

I can do that since the WH has said the EO does not apply to LPRs. But since that's been made public I think it can go into the memo without going back to DHS.

From: Busch, Philip B
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:32:58 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M
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On the second point, that is what this guidance provides.

On the first one, if you want more clarity based on the evolving guidance we have been getting about LPRs in this document, that can be done, but I think it would need to go through DHS clearance again. Perhaps it is more efficient to clarify that particular point with RAIO than revise the guidance to all employees again.

Phil

Philip B. Busch
Acting Deputy Chief Counsel
Senior Legal Advisor
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Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

I was specifically told we can issue a boarding letter to an LPR and WH clarified this doesn't apply to LPRs.

I was also told we could issue refugee travel document to anyone in the U.S. As well as an I-730.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:28:29 AM
To: Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

So how do we know when/if they get a waiver so that we then issue the boarding letter/parole?

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:07:02 AM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

It's saying what is barred so those adjudications are barred but the individual could get a waiver so I think it is fine.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 7:43:52 AM
To: Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

Molly - What does the edit to bullet number one where OGC changed "benefit" to "travel authorization" do to the RAIO processing of travel letters and/or humanitarian parole?

Tracy L. Renaud
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From: Walters, Jessica S
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To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Young, Todd P; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

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Thanks,

Jess

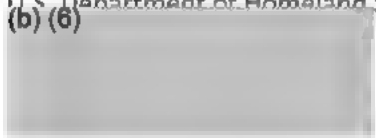
Jessica S. Walters
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Cc: Stone, Mary M; Farnam, Julie E; Walters, Jessica S; Chiorazzi, Anne
Subject: RE: [***HOT HOT HOT*** CLEARANCE REQUEST] PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES -- 1138091 -Due 8am 2/3
Attachments: Attachment 1 - Delegation to CBP 5(e) waiver Authority.docx

Maybe something like this?

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Cc: Groom, Molly M
Subject: guidance
Attachments: USCIS Guidance on implementation - final 02 02 2017.docx

Here in clean copy is the guidance. In addition to revising point 1 as discussed, I did this per a final look: (1) changed a reference to "Department" to "DHS" to conform to the previously established acronym; (2) shortened the title of the memo which was very verbose and redundant; (3) deleted an unnecessary full title of the EO toward the end of the memo, per a good OGC suggestion. I see there is a missing line space between #3 and #4 but trying to fix that I got into the problem of it screwing up the autonumbering so I'll leave that to a more adept scribe. Thanks, Phil

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**U.S. Citizenship
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Memorandum

TO: All USCIS Employees

FROM: Lori L. Scialabba
Acting Director

SUBJECT: Guidance Concerning Executive Order on Immigration

On January 27, President Trump signed an Executive Order entitled "Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States." This memorandum provides guidance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding the impact of this Executive Order on various immigration benefit requests.

All USCIS employees should be aware of current guidance from DHS, specifically:

1. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order does not affect USCIS adjudication of applications and petitions filed for or on behalf of individuals in the United States regardless of their country of nationality. Section 3(c) also does not affect applications and petitions by lawful permanent residents outside the United States, or applications and petitions for individuals outside the United States whose approval does not directly confer travel authorization (including any immigrant or nonimmigrant visa petition). This includes, but is not limited to, the matters discussed more specifically in paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 below.
2. Applications to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) may continue to be adjudicated, according to existing policies and procedures, for applicants who are nationals of countries designated in the Executive Order.
3. USCIS will adjudicate Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions (Form I-730) for all beneficiaries, from any country of nationality, currently in the United States according to

existing policies and procedures. Further guidance will be issued with respect to beneficiaries currently outside of the United States.

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5. USCIS will continue adjudicating all affirmative asylum cases according to existing policies and procedures.

Questions concerning the information contained in this memorandum may be addressed via your directorate or program office through appropriate supervisory channels.

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 10:19 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Tracy L; Young, Todd P; Swanson, Toni; Farnam, Julie E
Subject: FW: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order
Attachments: USCIS Guidance on implementation - 1.31.17.docx

We have approval to send this out tomorrow.

Just need to get it ready to go.

THanks
Lori

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:55:57 PM
To: Hamilton, Gene; Higgins, Jennifer; Metzler, Alan; Nielsen, Kirstjen
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L (b) (6); Alfonso, Angelica M (b) (6)
Groom, Molly M
Subject: FW: USCIS Guidance on 1/27 executive order

Please see the attached guidance that I would like to send to USCIS staff. It does not answer all questions but it will address the vast majority. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss. OCC and our politicals have reviewed.

I plan to send our parole program paper in the next day or so with our recommendations for consideration. Once decisions are made I'll have guidance drafted for implementation and sent up for review

I know everyone is very busy but if I can get a clearance on the attached memo we'll be out in front of what may be the next round of questions regarding the EO that was signed on Friday.

Regards,
Lori

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Jessica S. Walters

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Acting Director

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Subject: EO Tasking on Information for Adjudications--Due COB 2/2
Attachments: Information from Foreign Governments.doc

Attached is the first cut of information we'd want from other countries to assist in our adjudications process based on the conversation we had this afternoon. For this tasking we just need a list that SCO can incorporate into the larger report they are drafting for this deliverable. Because the final report needs to be provided to the WH within 30 days, please provide any comments/edits/additions by COB tomorrow, February 2, 2017.

Thank you,
Julie Farnam
Senior Advisor
Field Operations Directorate
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Consolidated Response to Executive Order: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States Section 3(a) ("information needed from any country to adjudicate any visa, admission or other benefit under the INA (adjudications) in order to determine that the individual seeking the benefit is who the individual claims to be and is not a security or public-safety threat")

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Cc: Hatchett, Doline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Young, Todd P
Subject: RE: USCIS Pending questions tracker

We have the answer to the N-400/N-600 question. We are proceeding as usual with adjudication and oath ceremonies. Currently we are holding everything else. We would like guidance on how to proceed with other than citizenship cases.

It would be good, maybe to suggest that the EO does not impact applications and petitions filed for or on behalf of individuals in the United States, and applications and petitions for individuals outside the U.S. that do not confer a benefit, and see if it files.

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate
Department of Homeland Security | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Subject: USCIS Pending questions tracker

Good morning all:

Please see the pending questions tracker attached. Please let us know if you have any suggestions/input regarding the format, and then we can fill in the substance and re-send to the group.

Also – We will be creating an email for an EO action group so that everyone is kept in the loop on EO issues and guidance. The group will include ADs, DADs, OCC, OPS, Program Chiefs, Tracy, Lori, Todd and me. We will send the address out as soon as it is created.

Thanks,

Jessica

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:13 PM
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Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
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From: Ruppel, Joanna
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These seem to be issue that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
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Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I simply do not have answers to these questions, so my input would be of no value.

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Subject: FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

DHS OPA has request a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

Gillispie, Anna E

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Attachments: Leadership call TPs aa docx

Overview of current external messages

- As you are all aware, information related to the executive orders announced last Friday continues to be updated and released. Thus far, the Secretary has issued at least 3 statements and a fact sheet. These are all posted at dhs.gov. Our goal is to create a central repository on USCIS Connect to house these cleared materials as they become available. We will share the Connect link once the page is up and populated.
- If you receive questions from customers or the public about the executive orders, you can refer them to dhs.gov to read the latest statements from the Department.
- In one of yesterday's statements, Secretary Kelly addressed the question of whether or not green card holders will be allowed to return to the United States. The Secretary stated, quote, "In applying the provisions of the president's executive order, I hereby deem the entry of lawful permanent residents to be in the national interest. Accordingly, absent the receipt of significant derogatory information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, lawful permanent resident status will be a dispositive factor in our case-by-case determinations."

- In another statement, the Department pointed out the fact that “No foreign national in a foreign land, without ties to the United States, has any unfettered right to demand entry into the United States or to demand immigration benefits in the United States.”
- That statement also says, “The Department of Homeland Security will comply with judicial orders; faithfully enforce our immigration laws, and implement President Trump’s Executive Orders to ensure that those entering the United States do not pose a threat to our country or the American people.”
- And DHS pledged that “we will treat all of those we encounter humanely and with professionalism.”
- I think it’s important for field leadership to underscore this point, and to point out that acting with professionalism applies not only to how we treat our customers. It also applies to how we act as agency employees and civil servants in positions of public trust and national security.

Communications Guidance:

- Please remind your teams that the Office of Communications manages all interactions with the news media and represents the agency on social media.

Likewise the Office of Legislative Affairs represents the agency to members of Congress and their staff, and CSPED represents the agency to stakeholder organizations.

- White House and DHS communications and legislative affairs continue to lead external relations efforts on the President's executive orders. For now, our guidance is to push everything up to them. Our USCIS external communicators are providing daily reports to DHS on incoming inquiries from the Hill, media outlets, state and locals, and other stakeholders.
- We are hearing reports of media outlets reaching out directly to employees. If a reporter contacts an employee or field leadership, the reporter should be referred to your PAO right away. You can also send the requested information, including the reporter's name, affiliation and contact information to your PAO to follow up. You should not promise to follow up yourself.
- Please remind your teams that there are legal rules about government employees referring to their positions or agency affiliation outside their official duties. With social media, even if someone posts a private opinion in their off hours, they should be mindful that to the public, it could be misconstrued or interpreted as calling into question their ability to be an

impartial and apolitical public servant. It could also confuse our customers and the public who are looking to the Department and USCIS for clarity about what the executive orders mean.

- Right now we all need to focus on staying informed and doing what we are directed to do, and working closely with our DHS partners to carry out those responsibilities.
- Finally, I call your attention to the two Executive Orders from earlier last week which deal with border security and immigration enforcement. You can find them at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov). One of the orders is entitled “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States,” and section 5 in particular could be relevant to certain adjudications. Section 5 directs the Secretary to establish removal priorities, including removable aliens who:
 - (a) Have been convicted of any criminal offense;
 - (b) Have been charged with any criminal offense, where such charge has not been resolved;
 - (c) Have committed acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense;
 - (d) Have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official matter or application before a governmental agency;
 - (e) Have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits;
 - (f) Are subject to a final order of removal, but who have not complied with their legal obligation to depart the United States; or

- (g) In the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.
- Again, you can read the order at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) in the Briefing Room section under Presidential Actions.

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Walters, Jessica S
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Young, Todd P
Cc: Walters, Jessica S
Subject: FW: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation
Attachments: Executive Order on terrorism - RAIO questions.docx

Just FYI – I am going through emails and fwd to you ones if you are not on them. Lori asked me to place a EO Action group email together tomorrow so we will both be in that.

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 12:11 PM
To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Mura, Elizabeth E; Roberts, Rhonda J; Kirkland, Brooke A; Pilotti, David A; Tanner, Rebecca S; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N
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Everyone,

As of the moment, the instructions I sent out yesterday stay in place until we get further instruction from agency/department leadership. As you can see from the below chain, Joanna has notified leadership of our present instructions and is seeking further guidance.

Given what is happening at the airports, I understand that some additional guidance is needed on CF/RF processing. CF/RF screenings should continue for anyone who is placed into ER and is referred to us after making a fear claim, or anyone subject to reinstatement or admin removal order who is referred to us after making a fear claim. We confer no benefit in the screening process, so our work in these areas should continue unless/until we are instructed otherwise.

Please feel free to continue to submit any questions that you may have.

John

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:42:27 PM
To: Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Nicholson, Maura J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation

Jessica,

Attached please find a preliminary list of implementation issues for RAIO. These are ones that are most time sensitive, in that we need to get guidance out to the field as soon as possible – by Sunday evening, if possible.

This does not include the most urgent issue regarding the list of individuals State is requesting to exempt so they can travel, which is being worked separately.

Let me know if you have questions. Also including content in the message in case that is helpful for those on phones.

Thanks,

Joanna

RAIO Time Sensitive Questions on the Executive Order

Refugee Processing – what can continue?

For reference - current circuit rides:

1. Cape Town, South Africa (total number of cases is 166) – deployed through February 3:
 - a. 92% nationality is Somali – Claims are mostly based on religious beliefs (different interpretations of Islam than Al Shabaab)
 - b. 8% nationality is Democratic Republic of Congo – Claims are nationality claims based on tribe.
2. Indonesia (total number of cases is 130) – deployed through February 10:
 - a. 95% nationality is Burmese – religious minority Rohingya population
 - b. 5% nationality is Afghan – No claim info available
3. Vienna (RAD CR – one officer is currently onsite processing cases) – deployed through February 24:
 - a. 100% from Iran – claims are religious persecution as either Assyrian/Armenian Christians or Baha'i
 - b. Note that these cases must obtain special visas to enter Austria and can only remain in Vienna for a very limited amount of time.

Urgent time-sensitive questions (need answers by Sunday evening, if possible):

1. Can the officer in Vienna resume interview on Monday? In light of the "notwithstanding" language at Sec. 5(e), we propose that he continue w/interviews as planned.

In particular, that section says that the USRAP can use discretion to admit refugees during the 120-day suspension "when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a preexisting international agreement..." We have such an agreement w/Austria. What we are proposing is not actually ADMISSIONS, however, but continuing w/RAD interviews, which seems in keeping with the intent and spirit of this provision. Since these applicants are Iranian religious minorities, we believe that their future admission would need to be assessed under the 90-day rule in Sec. 3.

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5. We believe we have P-1s also scheduled in New Delhi. Would follow same approach as above

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From: Walters, Jessica S
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Lassen, Brett H
Subject: FW: Executive Order
Attachments: StayOrder.pdf

From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Lafferty, John L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Not sure if you've seen it, but here's Judge Donnelly's order from last night.

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
Office of Policy & Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
(b) (6)

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:54:10 AM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S; Lafferty, John L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Nicholson, Maura J
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IO is working with front office on guidance for international staff and ongoing refugee interviews. We have greenlight for refugee interviews in Vienna to continue tomorrow.

Joanna

Joanna Ruppel
Acting Associate Director

USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Same here Larry. We have put a full stop on everything involving the 7 countries at the centers pending further guidance.

From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:40:01 AM
To: Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

As of right now, we are holding all applications and petitions from led by individuals from the 7 countries. We did let an N-400 ceremony and an N-600 ceremony go forward yesterday.

We expect today to put out general guidance that the EO does not impact citizenship cases. DHS is reviewing the language. Everything else is on hold.

From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 11:24:57 AM
To: Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Has anything gone out to our field folks at this point about pendings?

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
Office of Policy & Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:21:08 PM
To: Levine, Laurence D; Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Trying to get best information.

From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:20:37 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
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Subject: RE: Executive Order

Reuters is reporting that the stay covers holders of valid IV and NIVs and arriving refugees

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Levine, Laurence D
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:08:36 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I've only seen this on Twitter, but it looks like a judge in EDNY has granted a nationwide stay of the refugee EO. I haven't been able to nail down a copy of the actual order, so I have no actual details. Anyone else hear anything?

Larry Levine
Acting Chief
Office of Policy & Strategy
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:08 PM
To: Walters, Jessica S; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S

Subject: RE: Executive Order

Yes, thanks. I've shared with my folks too.

From: Walters, Jessica S

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:41:04 PM

To: Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D; Groom, Molly M; Walters, Jessica S

Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks very much.

Jessica S. Walters

Senior Advisor

Office of the USCIS Deputy Director

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Renaud, Daniel M

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:16 AM

To: Walters, Jessica S

Cc: Neufeld, Donald W, Ruppel, Joanna; Young, Todd P; Slattery, Shannon E; Valverde, Michael; Levine, Laurence D, Groom, Molly M

Subject: FW: Executive Order

FOD will be using the attached matrix to help identify questions and track implementation timelines. You may find it useful as well as we identify questions, develop guidance, and implementation plans

Daniel M. Renaud

Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Slattery, Shannon E

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:16:07 PM

To: Valverde, Michael; Renaud, Daniel M

Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Kvortek, Lisette E

Subject: RE: Executive Order

The attached document is a matrix breaking down the EO into its component parts and action items. I've added columns for QAs and started compiling those I saw come across this morning and some early ones I saw from Div. 1

The Policy and general objectives language at the beginning pulls key language from the EO for quick reference when we're drafting statements. The date conversion chart indicates the calendar dates associated with any specific timeframe mentioned in the EO.

I am working to convert this to Excel over the weekend so it's a little more scalable, but wanted to pass it on for initial use

Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything that needs editing.

Thanks,

Shannon E. Slattery
Field Operations Directorate | U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Valverde, Michael
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For section 4, do we need to take any actions prior to the "plan" described in section four being developed and implemented? And who is responsible for developing the plan?

For section 6, should we adjudicate cases in TRIG hold? It doesn't seem like exemptions are forthcoming

Michael Valverde
DHS USCIS
Field Operations Directorate, Deputy Associate Director
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From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:34:15 AM
To: Kvortek, Lisette E
Cc: Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E
Subject: FW: Executive Order
To start and just on this part of the EO:

1. Are the following forms impacted. N-400s, N-336, I-601A, I-131, I-765, N-565, I-130, . . ?
2. Should we deschedule oath ceremonies for individuals from the 7?
3. How do we handle N-400s 120+ days from interview?
4. Should we stop RFEs?
5. Should we stop scheduling interviews?

Daniel M. Renaud
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From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:21:12 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M, Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: McCament, James W; Nicholson, Maura J; Kluska, Jennifer R; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: RE: Executive Order
Everyone should be compiling a list of all of their questions and getting them to Jess so Lori and I have a complete list. If there are URGENT questions that we need answers to before Monday go ahead and flag those for us but I'm not sure the Department is going to get to us immediately, they are likely dealing with issues at the POEs which have a bit more urgency. I did send the question of

whether this impact naturalization or not to the Department in an attempt to get an answer this weekend only because we have oath ceremonies scheduled for Monday.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
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I would also like to flag I-730s. While adjudication does not give status to those outside the US, it does for those inside. Also, since part of the directive is to reviewing to enhance information we collect and screening, we likely will be proposing changes to the I-730 process, to include revisions to the form and the I-730A, which would be completed by the beneficiary. We have mock ups and can move quickly, but need to think first about those in pipeline. Maura has giving directive to staff outside US to cancel pick up document pickups for 730s for next week

We are working on further guidance and of course will coordinate with SCOP.

State has also issued guidance. Will forward.

Joanna

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:34:17 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
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I can do that but I think it's the same as what I've mentioned. It would be good to have time to consult with others. Can I get it to you on Monday?

And, in the meantime can I get something to the centers this weekend? I can share a draft email tomorrow.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:04:01 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Strack, Barbara L; Davidson, Andrew J; Emrich, Matthew D
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order
O.K. Take Jennifer off the email chains. Don, I want one document with all your issues. Same goes for Dan, Joanna/Barbara and Matt Andrew. We'll start regular meetings next week.

Lori

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:00 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:56:01 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I can get word out over the weekend to the centers to suspend processing. I just need the list of 7 countries to include in my message. The Directors are already on notice of the possibility. I would exclude from the suspension any petitions for beneficiaries abroad and TPS/DACA.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:31:26 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

I think the answer to the first two is yes they are impacted for the 7 countries identified. Not sure about petitions for beneficiaries abroad. I'll ask.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:26 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Executive Order

Thanks for sending this, Lori.

As we've discussed, the most urgent question is whether adjustments and extensions or changes of nonimmigrant status are impacted. Separately, is there any impact on petitions for beneficiaries abroad since we would not be determining admissibility? I would think not, but it would be good to have clarity.

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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 5:59:36 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Higgins, Jennifer
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I think that's o.k. and going forward don't schedule these for interviews.

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If we can define "suspend processing" as "suspend prior to approval", then one option would be to continue with the interviews, since it is likely we have some that are scheduled as soon as Monday for affected applicants and then hold the cases post interview. We are trying to scrape our schedulers (C4 and NASS) to see when and where we have interviews scheduled for individuals from affected countries. We should have that sometime Monday.

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director, Field Operations Directorate

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Higgins, Jennifer
Cc: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M
Subject: FW: Executive Order

FYI. I think Andrew might be right in terms of what is meant but (b) (5)
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From: Davidson, Andrew J
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: Executive Order

Tracy,

It is my understanding that POTUS will sign the "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals" order today at 4 30pm. In complying with the EA I believe we need immediate clarification in Section 3 (c) relative to the 30 day suspension of processing immigrants and non-immigrants from the designated countries of interest and if this extends to processing of permanent resident applications. Though the EA states "immigrant and non-immigrant entry into the United States", once we grant an adjustment we "admit" that person (b) (5)

We just need to clarify if by extension this applies to our product lines. If this is the case then Don and Dan will need to get guidance to the Field to put these adjudications on hold. Other than the refugee suspension that appears fully deployed on our end this appears the most urgent clarification we need relative to the EAs.

Thanks,

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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HAMEED KHALID DARWEESH and	:	
HAIDER SAMEER ABDULKHALEQ	:	
ALSHAWI, on behalf of themselves and others	:	
similarly situated,	:	
Petitioners,	:	<u>DECISION AND ORDER</u>
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- against -	:	17 Civ. 480 (AMD)
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DONALD TRUMP, President of the United	:	
States; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF	:	
HOMELAND SECURITY ("DHS"); U.S.	:	
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION	:	
("CBP"); JOHN KELLY, Secretary of DHS;	:	
KEVIN K. MCALEENAN, Acting	:	
Commissioner of CBP; JAMES T.	:	
MADDEN, New York Field Director, CBP,,	:	
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Respondents.	:	
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ANN DONNELLY, District Judge.		

On January 28, 2017, the petitioners filed an Emergency Motion for Stay of Removal on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated.

IT APPEARING to the Court from the Emergency Motion for Stay of Removal, the other submissions, the arguments of counsel, and the hearing held on the 28th of January, 2017,

1. The petitioners have a strong likelihood of success in establishing that the removal of the petitioner and others similarly situated violates their rights to Due Process and Equal Protection guaranteed by the United States Constitution;

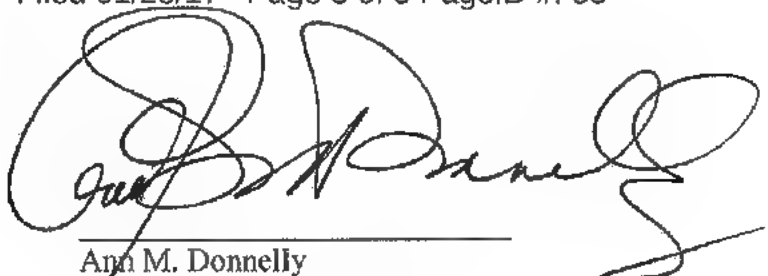
2. There is imminent danger that, absent the stay of removal, there will be substantial and irreparable injury to refugees, visa-holders, and other individuals from nations subject to the January 27, 2017 Executive Order;
3. The issuance of the stay of removal will not injure the other parties interested in the proceeding;
4. It is appropriate and just that, pending completion of a hearing before the Court on the merits of the Petition, that the Respondents be enjoined and restrained from the commission of further acts and misconduct in violation of the Constitution as described in the Emergency Motion for Stay of Removal.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the respondents, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all members and persons acting in concert or participation with them, from the date of this Order, are

ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from, in any manner or by any means, removing individuals with refugee applications approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as part of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, holders of valid immigrant and non-immigrant visas, and other individuals from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen legally authorized to enter the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to assure compliance with the Court's order, the Court directs service of this Order upon the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, and further directs the United States Marshals Service to take those actions deemed necessary to enforce the provisions and prohibitions set forth in this Order.

SO ORDERED.



Ann M. Donnelly
United States District Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
January 28, 2017

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 7:42 PM
To: Walters, Jessica S
Cc: Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; N cholson, Maura J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RAIO's most time sensitive issues for Executive Order Implementation
Attachments: Executive Order on terrorism - RAIO questions.docx

Jessica,

Attached please find a preliminary list of implementation issues for RAIO. These are ones that are most time sensitive, in that we need to get guidance out to the field as soon as possible by Sunday evening, if possible.

This does not include the most urgent issue regarding the list of individuals State is requesting to exempt so they can travel, which is being worked separately.

Let me know if you have questions. Also including content in the message in case that is helpful for those on phones.

Thanks,

Joanna

RAIO Time Sensitive Questions on the Executive Order

Refugee Processing – what can continue?

For reference - current circuit rides:

1. Cape Town, South Africa (total number of cases is 166) – deployed through February 3:
 - a. 92% nationality is Somali – Claims are mostly based on religious beliefs (different interpretations of Islam than Al Shabaab)
 - b. 8% nationality is Democratic Republic of Congo – Claims are nationality claims based on tribe.
2. Indonesia (total number of cases is 130) – deployed through February 10:
 - a. 95% nationality is Burmese – religious minority Rohingya population
 - b. 5% nationality is Afghan – No claim info available
3. Vienna (RAD CR – one officer is currently onsite processing cases) – deployed through February 24:
 - a. 100% from Iran – claims are religious persecution as either Assyrian/Armenian Christians or Bahai
 - b. Note that these cases must obtain special visas to enter Austria and can only remain in Vienna for a very limited amount of time.

Urgent time-sensitive questions (need answers by Sunday evening, if possible):

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In particular, that section says that the USRAP can use discretion to admit refugees during the 120-day suspension "when admitting the person would enable the United States to conform its conduct to a

preexisting international agreement..." We have such an agreement w/Austria. What we are proposing is not actually ADMISSIONS, however, but continuing w/RAD interviews, which seems in keeping with the intent and spirit of this provision. Since these applicants are Iranian religious minorities, we believe that their future admission would need to be assessed under the 90-day rule in Sec. 3.

2. Can we continue interviewing in Indonesia? We recommend that we continue, at least for the Rohingya population. PRM's guidance to RSC's is to continue processing around the world and just to cancel travel for the affected population, and we are working with them on determining best course of action for this caseload.
3. Should we continue interviews in South Africa? We think it would not be the best use of resources to continue to interview this population and intend to move forward to curtail those interviews. We are consulting with PRM.
4. Should we continue interviews in Moscow? We have Lautenberg interviews scheduled in Moscow all week. This includes P1s and Lautenberg (largely Ukrainian religious minorities traveling in from the Ukraine for their interviews). Some of the P-1s travel in from remote areas. Our proposed plan:

Where someone may already be in transit, we intend to continue with the interview if the individual was a Lautenberg or other religious minority, even though we are all still awaiting guidance on how the religious minority exception may be defined. For those other P1s, we intend to collect prints and inform them of the suspension, but not conduct an interview. We don't want to continue interviewing if we may have to do reinterviews later based on a new or amended approach to processing.

5. We believe we have P-1s also scheduled in New Delhi. Would follow same approach as above.

Less Urgent:

6. Should we resume planning scheduling CR for Nauru (originally planned for Feb. 5-6, but suspended). We believe this falls under the "preexisting international agreement" provision is the USG agreement w/Australia concerning Nauru. State believes that having visible evidence of progress is important to both the Australian gov't and to the refugees, whose hopelessness has led to violence, self-harm, non-compliance, etc.

Asylum Processing:

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Should USCIS continue to issue refugee travel documents (domestically and abroad) to those not on the list? O currently has a number of pending requests for refugee documents and the vast majority are Iraqi and the individuals are currently in Iraq. Will issue guidance to suspend processing those on the list, but what about the others?

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J
Cc: Scialabba, Lori L; Walters, Jessica S
Subject: FW: Text of Immigration Executive Order
Attachments: Executive Order - Immigration and Refugees.pdf

We are reviewing. So far, what I see for section 3 is that we will need to understand how the country restrictions impact the processing of petitions and extensions/changes of status. It isn't clear if the restrictions are limited to visa issuance and admission at POEs or more broadly apply to those already here.

Section 4 is complicated. Taken to the extreme, it could be that we need to run everyone seeking a benefit stateside through an ASC and an in-person interview. We are also to evaluate the applicant's likelihood of becoming a positive contributing member of society and to make contributions to the national interest, but to what end?

Sec. 4. Implementing Uniform Screening Standards for
The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall develop and implement a program during the adjudication process for immigrants seeking to enter the United States on a fraudulent basis who are at risk of causing harm subsequent to their admission; the development of uniform screening standards and procedures for interviews; the creation of a database of identity documents to ensure that duplicate documents are not used by multiple individuals; forms that include questions aimed at identifying fraudulent intent; a mechanism to ensure that the applicant is who they claim to be; a process to evaluate the applicant's likelihood of becoming a member of society, and the applicant's ability to make a positive contribution to the national interest; and, a mechanism to assess whether or not the applicant has been involved in criminal or terrorist acts after entering the United States.

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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Neufeld, Donald W; Davidson, Andrew J
Cc: Scialabba, Lori L; Walters, Jessica S
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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: FW: Text of Immigration Executive Order

OIL shared this draft of visa/refugee text—not sure if it is final. I did share with Joanna and Barbara

From: Franke, Evan R
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B
Cc: Zengotitabengoa, Colleen R
Subject: FW: Text of Immigration Executive Order

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